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CARRANZA REPLY IS NOW IN HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT

Mexican Leader Answers Recent Warning of Mr. Wilson With Claim to Recognition.

REJOINDER OF VILLA ALSO IN WASHINGTON

Latter, However, Has Not Yet Been Presented to the Department of State.

REVOLUTION'S HISTORY TOLD

First Chief Declares the Government He Heads Now Controls Seven-Eighths of Mexican Territory.

Carranza's reply to President Wilson's recent warning to the warring Mexican factions is before the President. Villa's answer has reached Washington,

other governments, and says that lack of such recognition is the only handicapi to restoration of constitutional government in

selves to be in a position to overcome this last difficulty because the constitutionalist government is now actually in definite possession of sovereignty and the legitimate exercise of sovereignty is the essential condition which should be taken into account when deciding upon recognition

State Department Silent.

Villa reply until it has

ginning with the Madero uprising against Porfirio Diaz and what is termed the economic and social inequality of the colonial epoch. The length of the revolution, it asserts, is due to attempts at compromises with

old regime.

tutionalist element had lost the support ministrations, it is claimed, are being organized in twenty out of twenty-seven states of the republic, and the Vera Cruz government controls all the ports of the gulf and Pacific ocean, with the exception of Guaymas, and all ports of entry on the northern and southern frontiers, with the exception of Piedras Negras, Cludad Juarez and Nogales; that more than 13,000,000 of the 15,000,000 population of Mexico are subject to constitutionalist authority. Opposition to the Carranza forces, it is asserted, is day by day decreasing and the offensive of the enemy is limited to acts of brigandage. In a short time occupation of Mexico City is assured, it is stated, when harmonious government will be secured in all states and territories based on welfare and justice.

The constitutionalist government has defended to the note was that," he replied. It was suggested that the clause added to the note was that.

and justice.

The constitutionalist government has a done all in its power, it is stated, for the people, especially the poor, by forbidding the export of necessities and has punished abuses and protected the lives of those within its territory.

The work of relieving the civil population, the statement says, will now be facilitated by recent victories which have enlarged the sphere of activity of the constitutionalist government.

As to Foreign Relations.

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"Softened," and Declares War Still Threatens.

OFFICIALS' CONFIDENCE **GROWS, NEVERTHELESS**

Relaxation of Tension Comes in Situation and President Plans to

Cabinet Premier Believed to Be Offer of United States to Consider Evidence.

DEVELOPMENTS OF DAY. Ambassador Gerard officially

terially changed and "softened" after his resignation was sub-mitted, but not sufficiently to

suggests that Germany in anger mny break off diplomatic relations, adding that "the country will unanimously support the President during the war, if so

charge of inconsistency in signing first note to Germany and refusing to sign the second. There is general relaxation of tension in international situation. Officials optimistic that Germany's reply will forestall

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan go to Old Point Comfort until Tuesday, and plans upon return. President plans for vacation at Cornish, N. H.

William Jennings Bryan, former Sec ed to this disclosure the suggestion Officials of the State Department that Germany in anger may break off

warrant his withdrawing his resigna-tion. He said danger of war will be lessened in proportion "as the country expresses itself in favor of peace in preference to a war for redress of such grievances as we have against Germany"

Official announcement of the delivery of the American note to the German government reiterating insistence that subhumanity and international law was re ceived last evening from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

In discussing how the note was ma-

"What was the change in the note?"
Mr. Bryan was asked.
"I cannot discuss that," he replied.
It was suggested that the clause added to the note was that saying the United States would entertain any evidence Germany might have that officials of this government had not thoroughly performed their duty in examining the Lusitania before her departure to see that she was not armed for offensive action. Mr. Bryan only smiled at the suggestion.
Secretary Lansing also declined to discuss changes made in the note.

The Clause Referred m.

should deem itself to be in por of convincing evidence that the official

ITALIANS ADVANCE SUCCESSFULLY ON **ALL BATTLE LINES**

Rovereto and Mori About to Be Occupied.

ROME'S FORCES PUSHING **AHEAD ALONG ISONZO**

Austrian Town of Gradisca in Hands of Enemy for Several Days.

Attempt to Surprise Invaders Results Disastrously, It Is Declared. Italians in Agreement With Allies on Campaign.

LONDON, June 12.—Italians are advancing successfully everywhere in their marches on Trieste and Trent, according to dispatches from different points.

The Italians have captured Porto Rosega, three miles south of Monfalcone, according to a message to the Weekly Dispatch from its Rome correspondent.

The Italian advance on Rovereto, thirteen miles southwest of Trent, and Mori, eighteen miles southwest of Trent, has pushed so close to both towns that either they already have been taken or are about to be occupied, according to reports from the front.

The Italians are pushing forward on the east bank of the Isonzo river. In addition to occupying the important town of Monfalcone, the Italians claim to have captured the Austrian town of Gradisca, near Gorizia, several days ago.

It also is reported that they are carrying out a strong offensive all along the river as far up as Tolmino, which they are endeavoring to outflank.

Austrians Driven Back.

Notwithstanding these statements, there was apparent a growing confidence in official circles that the reply Germany is now to make the United States will not so eventuate. Mr. Bryan's statement, of interest in connection with this confidence, declared that the note to Germany had been taken from the cabined, after he resigned from the coabined, after he resigned from the cabined, although not sufficiently to warrant his withdrawing his resignation. He said danger of war will be lessened in proportion "as the country"

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Enemy Is Deceived.

The Italians took their positions The Italians took their positions quietly, and were careful to keep out of sight, thus deceiving the Austrians into believing that their advance was being made successfully. At a given moment the Alpine troops and the Bersaglieri opened fire simultaneously. The rain of bullets was kept up until the orders came for a charge. Shouting "Long Live Savoy" the Italians dashed forward. Although the Austrians fought des-Although the Austrians fought desperately they were thrown into great disorder and compelled to withdraw complications with France threatened, Some of the mules with mountain guns on their backs, as well as a number of men, fell over a precipice. The losses men, fell over a precipic. The losses months for any person seeking to inspect the property of a government ar-

Italian Objectives.

Italian forces, which are advancing from Monfalcone in the direction of Trieste, have two immediate objectives; one is to gain possession of the seacoast on the Guif of Anzona, and the other to command the good road which comes down from the mountains at Nabresina, which is half-way between Monfalcone and Trieste. Monfalcone and Trieste.

The 12th Regiment of Bersaglieri, who virtually fought four days continuously against the Austrians defendof any Italian detachment since the beginning of the war.

Officer Shows Bravery.

Col. De Rossi was twice wounded, but he refused to be removed from the fighting line until he saw that all his men were safe. The second officer in command, Col. Negrotto, was killed, having suffered many wounds.

Col. De Rossi was promoted to the rank of general before the war broke out, but he asked that the war office postpone his promotion, as he desired to lead his regiment under fire. When King Victor Emmanuel visited him at the hospital to confer a medal, Col. De Rossi said he was proud of his Bersaglieri. Although outnumbered, he told the king, his men had succeeded in repulsing the Austrians and none was taken prisoner.

Scope of Italian Command.

Scope of Italian Campaign.

Information has been received here

STEAL PLATE FROM VEHEMENT ATTACK

SQUASH CENTER DISCUSSES THE BRYAN RESIGNATION.

the Historic Masonic Lodge Bible.

cluding Army Officers, Em-

barrass Uncle Sam.

Lured by the promise of greatly in-

was learned last night that officials of

the War Department have been look-

ing over the law to see what can be

Old Statute Applicable.

The officers can, of course, be held

by not accepting their resignations.

months for any person seeking to induce an employe of a government arsenal to leave that employment during the life of his contract with the government.

rnment.
The statute has never been repealed

Big Offers Reported.

paid \$5 a day by the government and

were offered as high as \$5,000 a year

NOW HEADS TUFTS COLLEGE

have been reported. It takes tim

done to retain its trained men.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 12. trained civil employes at government tourist vandal or vandals visited Alex-

is thought to have taken place shout Ordnance officials of the army are con- 2 p.m. and that at Christ Church about 3 o'clock. The Bible leaf theft discovered first. George W. Zachary, tyler of Alex-

andria-Washington Lodge, noticing the Bible on the altar disarranged, discovered that a leaf had been torn from

Raymond Padgett, attendant at Christ Church, when conducting a party of tourists through the church, a short time after having shown a large crowd through, discovered that the silver plate on the door of the pew which was occupied by Washington had been unscrewed and removed.

Not Original Plate.

The plate stolen today bore a copy of Washington's signature, but was not the original plate, placed thereon by George Washington when he was pewholder.

The statute has never been repealed, but no attempt to invoke it has been made within the memory of any living man. Army officials are said to feel that it may be necessary to bring it to bear to protect the government's own supply of arms and ammunition. Virtually the entire force of trained men in the manufacture of other than small arms ammunition and sporting rifles were in government employ when the European war began, it is said. pewholder.

This plate is the second one stolen. The original plate was removed during the civil war for safekeeping by Mrs. Robert C. Powell of this city. When the federal troops occupied Alexandria one of the officers objected to its removal and the plate was returned to the pew. A short time afterward it was stolen.

The plate stolen today was placed on the pew a short time after the war by the vestry of the church. Not until today was any effort made to disturb it.

Several cases of men who were being

Parish Register Gone.

During the war among the valuable of gun and ammunition building and parish register, which contained a list of ments called for speed.

At the beginning of the war the total capacity of small arms ammunition plants in the United States was 2.000, 000 rounds a day, the government's arsenals representing half that amount. To what extent the private plants have increased their capacity is not known, but their orders require enormous extension of facilities and the government men were needed to train new employes. efforts to trace the register have failed. Rev. William J. Morton, rector of the church, has hopes that the register may be returned some day. Frequently he receives requests for information which could be given had he a copy of the

JACOB CRISMAN FALLS DEAD.

Won Saber Duel With Sir Percy Wyndham in Civil War.

WASHINGTON'S PEW MADE UPON THE U.S.

Arms and Ammunition Men, In- Vandals Also Tear Leaf From Leading Vienna Newspaper Scores Sale of War Munitions to Allies.

> ficial opinion in Austria, which lat-terly has been none too friendly to hement attack which appears in the leading Vienna newspaper, the Neue Freie Presse, against America for sup- the Russian positions and to have taken 5,000 prisoners.

Additional importance attaches to th article, which is published with the full sanction of the government, if it cessfully stormed by the Germanic allies is not directly officially inspired, since

Declaring that Americans have sold

Embitters Relations.

"If America refuses to submit the Lus tania dispute to arbitration she embitters relations with Germany, and raises questions of might. She is pursuing a olicy which threatens her neutrality. A nuntitions war is being waged by America; public sentiment is already against Jermany; German soldiers are being diled or wounded by American ammunitied or wounded by American ammunity. PETROGRAD, via London, June 12.—

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Meurthe-et-Moselle. The invention is the work of Prof. Camille Gutton, professor of science in the University of Nancy. The object of the device is to protect farmers from striking live shells with their plows.

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Reinstated by the President. The President has authorized the re

instatement of Mrs. Emma L. Guckert is an operative in the bureau of en graving and printing, without regard to the length of time she has been sep-arated from the service. That action was based on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury "on ac count of Mrs. Guckert's former efficien

RUSSIANS AND ENEMY LOCKED IN BIG BATTLE **ARE LOSING THOUSANDS**

Struggling Forces Line Banks of River **Dniester---Crossing Near Horo**denka, Vienna Claims.

SLAVS ARE HOLDING FOE BACK AT MOST POINTS IN THE EAST

Austria, However, Claims Capture of Several Towns, But Petrograd Now Believes That Lemberg Is Safe.

LONDON, June 12.—One of the greatest battles in history is being fought along the line of the Dniester river in the eastern arena of war. Russians, determined to arrest the vast forces of Germans and Austrians in a successful advance upon Lemberg, are fighting madly on one bank to repel all attacks, and the Germanic allies are struggling as persistently on the other to puncture the reinforced Russian line, to gain their objective. Tens of thousands of men are being lost on both sides in killed, wounded and captured.

Russians claim to have made material gains on the Dniester and to have repelled attack after attack of the enemy, whose swift advance on Lemberg has been suddenly arrested. Austrians also claim that their arms have scored successes of no little importance. That none of these have any material influence on the final outcome of the titanic struggle is generally conceded, except for the bearing on the morale of the struggling armies.

GERMANS ATTACK ALONG THE RAWKA.

Heavy fighting also continues in the Baltic provinces and on the East Prussian frontier, in which both sides claim advantages. With the view, doubtless, of preventing the Russians from sending reinforcements to either of their wings, the Germans yester-ZURICH, via London, June 12.-Of- day delivered an attack along the Rawka river, between Bolimow and Sochaczew, the scene of important battles last winter, when the Germans tried to reach Warsaw by the direct route from the west. In yesterday's attack the Germans claim to have broken into

> Villages Fall Before Germans. The villages of Jezierzany and Niedz-

> wiska, north of Obertyn, have been suc according to the Austrian official state-

the entire contents of the Austrian newspapers are subjected to a triple form of censorship before the forms are put on the press.

Cannot Be Bethlehem.

according to ment tonight.

Austrian troops advancing toward Czernelica have crossed the Dneister east of Horodenka and captured the town of Zale Szczyky, according to Vienna, which declares that the Russians suffered tremendous losses in the counter attacks on the enemy.
In Bukowina, where the tide of success

a billion dollars' worth of munitions of war to the enemies of Austria and Germany, while the ministers of the American churches are praying for peace, the paper says:

"Those who bring munitions cannot bring peace. The land where so many voices are demanding the breaking off relations with Germany can hardly be a Bethlehem, from which the world can gain a new salvation.

In Bukowina, where the tide of success for the Austro-German forces has not been materially checked, although Russian arms have held at bay the enemy in the majority of other sections, Austria claims further successes, declaring that the Russians have been forced to give up their last positions on the Pruth across the frontier. The Russians in this section are also said to have suffered great losses, the army of Gen. Pflanzer having captured 5,000 men.

Fail to Regain Stanislau.

Russians have failed in their attempts to again occupy Stanislau, where several attacks have been repulsed, it is declared. Zurawna, which was evacuated by the Germans and PETROGRAD, via London, June 12.— The Russian successes in the vicinity of Juravno, Galicka, on the left bank of the Dniester river, and Ugartsberg, on the right bank of the Dniester, are

garded as the logical consequence of the new alignment, since it is unfor-tified and far outside the zone of the present operations.

Fighting Is Continuous **Upon Western Front:** Gas Attack on Belgians

LONDON, June 12 .- Although no big the western arena, the fighting is almost to Champagne and in the Woevre. noth of Arras the French continue their

attacks, which they report to have been successful, but which the Germans, on the other hand, invariably state have been repulsed. The British and Belgians, although they are not doing much attacking, are playing an important role in these operations, for to them falls the task of holding large German forces on their front by threatening an offensive

sending relief to those troops which the French are assailing. Hard Fighting Near Dixmude.

and thus preventing the Germans from

The Daily Mail's correspondent in north France, telegraphing under yes

"The Belgians experienced their firs gas attack the night of June 9. The Discloses Unexploded Shells.

NANCY, France, June 12.—A curious invention, designed to disclose by means of magnetism unexploded shells buried in the earth not more than eighteen inches, was tested teday by the prefect of the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. The invention is Germans, after a severe bombardment

TURKEY ALREADY WEARY OF WAR

AND READY TO OUIT. IS REPORT LONDON. June 12.-The Rome cor-jand it is stated that she had indirectly respondent of the Daily Chronicle has conveyed to Italy her intention not diplomatic information to the effect to do so. This is taken as a sign of that the Turkish government is weary Turkey's repentance and her intention

of the war and ready to be rid of the disastrous alliance with the Germanic powers. The possibility of a separate peace is being considered, according to provide information.

to turn her back on Germany and Austria as soon as possible.

Franco-British forces are reported in advices from Athens to have joined battle with the Turks for possession of the town of Gallipoli, at the entrance to the complexity of the complexity

Information has seement with her allies as to the configure campaign.

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but has not yet been presented to the State Department. The Carranza document, issued as a "proclamation to the people," declares the right of the constitutionalist government to recognition by the United States and

Mexico. The statement asserts: "At this time we believe our-

of a government."

dispatches, or upon a copy of a letter from Villa to Carranza, also received at the agency, which urges that dif-ferences be forgotten and suggests a

ferences be forgotten and suggests a personal meeting between the two leaders to arrange for co-operation and the restoration of peace.

Gen. Carranza's proclamation was formally handed to Consul Stillman at Vera Cruz Friday for transmission to Washington. It was promptly laid before President Wilson and State Department officials would not discuss it. The document recites the history of the revolution through five years, bethe revolution through five years, be-

due to attempts at compromises with the elements of the old regime at Ciudad Juarez.

President Madero's failure the document attributes to the opposition from Orosco, Reyes and Felix Diaz of the old regime, and Zapata, instigated by their adherents. Gen. Huerta, it explains, consummated the movement, with the co-operation of "a group of foreigners favored by the old regime who surrounded Henry Lane Wilson"

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In regard to foreign relations Gen Carranza asserts that one of his in-itial acts as first chief was to apprise the United States of his attitude, facing rebellion and usurpation. He feels of the government of the United States that his labors have been retarded by did not perform these duties with lack of understanding in the United States and other nations as well. The United States and other nations as well. The United States sincerely hopes that it press, under the cientifico influence, it is claimed, prejudiced foreign nations against him and this he was unable "Irrespective of whether that clause"

NOTE TO GERMANY RECEIVED CHANGE AFTER BRYAN QUIT

Former Secretary Says It Was | Porto Rosega Captured and

Go to Cornish, N. H.

BREACH BELIEVED UNLIKELY FIGHTING NEAR MONTENERO Alteration Alluded to by Former

The former Secretary of State

retary of State, last night declared that the note of the United States govern-ment to the German government had ment to the German government been materially altered after he resigned his post in the cabinet. In the last of a series of statements is-

diplomatic relations with the United

Note Delivered, Gerard Says.

plains, consummated the movement, with the co-operation of "a group of foreigners favored by the old regime who surrounded Henry Lane Wlison," former American ambassador to Mexico, and under the pretext of saving Mexico City from war.

The statement then explains that as governor of the state of Coahuila, Gen. Carranza assumed representation of the republic in accordance with the constitution, which, by its own terms, "will not lose its force and vigor even though through some rebellion its observance is interrupted."

Schism of Villa.

The schism of Villa and his followers, which later occurred, the statement attributes to the further intrigue of the old regime.

Gerard at Berlin.

The message came at the close of a day marked by a more optimistic feeling in official quarters that the German answer will obviate any possibility of war between the nations, and also avoid a breach of diplomatic relations.

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"It is true that I saw the final draft

The Clause Referred To. The clause referred to follows: If the imperial German governmen

"Irrespective of whether that clause (Continued on Sixteenth Page.)